MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) The President of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, has reported that the lanes referred to are being swept and scavenged by the Municipality but that the existence of the channel renders the lanes insanitary.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(2) The matter will be considered.

Road from Vazhutakad Nandavanam to the Timber Depôt Road, Trivandrum.

160. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the inhabitants of Vazhutakad, Trivandrum, have petitioned the Government or the Chief Engineer regarding the need for opening a road from near the Vazhutakad *Nandavanam* to the Timber Depôt road; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of the alignment of the road is under consideration.

Water transport from Kalpalakadavu to the south of Travancore.

161. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Are the Government aware that the public are economically and commercially at a disadvantage on account of the absence of a continuous system of water transport from Kalpalakadavu to the south of Travancore?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Does the member know that there is transport of goods going on between Trivandrum and the South?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Does the member know that transport by water is cheaper than transport by land?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): May be.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Is the member aware of the fact that what is called the A. V. M. Canal in the South was originally intended to take the canal from Kalpalakadavu, down to the south?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There was such an idea.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know why that idea was dropped some time ago?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The idea was dropped some time ago. Nothing was done. But in view of the abundant facilities for transport by motor car and the projected railway also, the question seriously arises whether the canal project should be further pursued.

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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know when the development of the A. V. M. Canal was stayed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In the year 1083.

The M. S. Road.

162. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Are the Government aware of the extremely bad condition of the M. S. road, particularly from the 2nd to the 16th milestone?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer reports that the condition of the road is not so bad as alleged. The surface has worn out in some places on account of the very heavy bus and cart traffic and it is proposed to recoat them in 1105.

Road from Kidarakkuzhi to Karichal.

163. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a report from the Executive Engineer, Trivandrum Division, recommending the improvement of the road from Kidarakkuzhi to Karichal in the Kottukal Pakuti, Neyyattinkara taluk, and if so, when; and

(*b*) the nature of the action taken till now (2-12-1104) in furtherance of the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government received a report from the Chief Engineer on the 28th November, 1928.

(*b*) Administrative sanction for the work was accorded on the 7th February, 1929. A regular estimate has been prepared and provision made in the Preliminary Budget for 1105 M. E.

Statement, by caste, of teachers in Vernacular Schools.

164. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement, by caste, of teachers in the Vernacular Schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government do not propose to collect the statistics as the time and labour involved will be disproportionate to their possible utility.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): ഒരു മെംബർ ചില വിവരങ്ങൾ അറിവാനായിട്ട് ചോദിക്കുമ്പോൾ അതു ഉപയോഗം കുറഞ്ഞതാണെന്നോ പ്രയോജനമില്ലാത്തതാണെന്നോ നിശ്ചയിക്കുന്നതിന വല്ല പ്രമാണവും അംഗീകരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അത് ഗവൺമെൻറിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായമാണ്.

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